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Programme questions: proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (item 3 (b))

Programme 11
Human settlements

1. At its 12th meeting, on 15 June 2000, the Committee considered programme 11 (Human settlements), of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (A/55/6 (Prog.11)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to questions raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for the programme. Its streamlining into two subprogrammes was welcomed. However, the objective and the strategy in subprogrammes 1 and 2 did not convincingly describe how to produce expected accomplishments or how to achieve the indicators.

4. It was observed that mandates emanating from United Nations conferences and the five-year review of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) should have been cited as mandates for this programme.

5. There was also no specific reference to several objectives that had been mentioned in the previous plan, such as assistance to governments to promote policies, enabling strategies and delivery systems for housing and social services, adequate housing and so forth. It was also observed that there was a lack of clarity as regards provision of assistance in policy formulation and advisory services, as

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well as in supporting United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) partners, which were primary goals of Habitat.

6. It was noted that the issues of rural shelter did not receive sufficient attention and that they should have been addressed in the programme, which tended to focus on urbanization and city issues.

7. The view was expressed that the promotion of the World Charter of Local Self-Government should be deleted from the narrative, as exceeding the Habitat Agenda and not mandated.

8. The programme should have had a reference to provision of assistance, including financial aid, to developing countries, as well as countries with economies in transition, in their efforts to implement the Habitat Agenda. It was also observed that more attention should be given to preparedness for disaster prevention.

9. There should have been more emphasis on coordination and cooperation within the United Nations system to facilitate better implementation of this programme.

Conclusions and recommendations

10. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve programme 11 (Human settlements) of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, subject to the following modifications:

(a) Paragraph 11.1:

(i) After the first sentence insert the following new sentence: "The goals of the Habitat Agenda are adequate shelter for all and sustainable human settlements development in an urbanizing world";

(ii) Before the second sentence insert the following text as the mandate for the programme: "The mandate of the programme is derived from the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), in particular the Habitat Agenda, and General Assembly resolutions 32/162, by which the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) was established, and 43/181, by which the Assembly adopted the Global Strategy for Shelter to the year 2000. The mandate derives also from the decisions of the relevant legislative bodies regarding Agenda 21 (chaps. 7, 21 and 28)";

(b) Paragraph 11.2:

Add the following new sentence: "The Centre will support developing countries through technical cooperation in achieving the goals of adequate shelter for all and sustainable human settlements development and will evaluate, promote and monitor the implementation of the Global Plan of Action and will undertake the preparation for the special session of the General Assembly for the five-year review of the outcome of the Untied Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)";

(c) Paragraph 11.3:

In the second sentence, after the words "United Nations Development Programme", insert the words "United Nations Children's Fund";

(d) Title of subprogramme 1:

Replace the heading "Shelter for all" with the heading "Adequate shelter for all";

(e) Paragraph 11.4:

In the first sentence, replace the words "acknowledging the right of the poor to urban shelter and services" with the words "acknowledging the right of the poor to an adequate standard of living, which includes housing";

(f) Paragraph 11.5:

After the words "The overall objective of the subprogramme is" insert the words "to support Governments and other United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) partners";

(g) Paragraph 11.6:

(i) Delete the text ", as its entry point, a rights-based Global Campaign for Secure Tenure, in which the main activity of Habitat will be to promote, globally, relevant norms and standards, to provide specialized substantive support to Member States, and to capture the normative lessons learned and devise appropriate mechanisms for their assimilation, analysis and dissemination. Other elements of the strategy include" and merge the remaining text of the second and the third sentences;

(ii) After the last sentence, insert the following text:

"Other elements of the strategy will be as follows:

"(a) To promote policies, enabling strategies and delivery systems for housing and social services that are responsive to the need for adequate shelter and security of tenure;

"(b) To strengthen the capacity at national and local levels to contribute to shelter delivery in poor urban and rural settlements;

"(c) To support developing countries through technical cooperation in achieving the goals of adequate shelter for all and sustainable human settlements development";

(h) Paragraph 11.8:

In subparagraph (a) delete the word "secure" in the second line;

(i) Title of subprogramme 2:

Replace the heading "Sustainable urban development" with the heading "Sustainable human settlements development";

(j) **Paragraph 11.10:**

After the words "The objective of the subprogramme is" insert the words "to support Governments and other United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) partners in";

(k) **Paragraph 11.11:**

The last sentence should be replaced with the following: "Another element of the strategy is to promote the decision-making policies on human settlements management through local government, as appropriate";

(l) **Under "Legislative mandates":**

Add the following General Assembly resolutions:

53/180	**Special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda**
54/207	**Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda**
54/208	**Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)**

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Programme questions: proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (item 3 (b))

Programme 12. Crime prevention and criminal justice

1. At its 12th meeting, on 15 June 2000, the Committee considered programme 12, Crime prevention and criminal justice, of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to questions raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Support for the programme was expressed. It was noted that the programme was one of the priorities of the Organization. Efforts made to streamline and to prioritize the activities under the programme were welcomed. It was stated that the programme should have focused on areas in which the United Nations could offer a comparative advantage. The attention given to gender mainstreaming was appreciated. The programme's work on transnational organized crime was supported. The fight against transnational organized crime should be treated as a priority. It was observed that there was an excessive emphasis on legal instruments and that it was necessary to establish a better balance between the various activities carried out under the programme.

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Conclusions and recommendations

4. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve programme 12, Crime prevention and criminal justice, of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, subject to the following modifications:

(a) ***Paragraphs 12.1, 12.3 (d), 12.6 and 12.7 (c)***

Insert the words "in all its forms and manifestations" after the word "terrorism";

(b) ***Paragraph 12.1***

(i) Replace the first sentence with the following: "The overall objective of the programme is to strengthen international cooperation and assistance to Governments in tackling crime problems such as those posed by transnational organized crime, trafficking in persons, economic and financial crime, including money-laundering, corruption, illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, and terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, as well as to promote fair and efficient criminal justice systems";

(ii) Replace the last sentence with the following: "The mandate of the programme is provided in resolutions of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, and the recommendations emanating from the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders";

(c) ***Paragraph 12.2***

(i) In the first sentence, delete the words "the Centre for International Crime Prevention";

(ii) At the end of the paragraph, add the words "and to the General Assembly";

(d) ***Paragraph 12.3***

(i) Add a new subparagraph before subparagraph 12.3 (a), reading: "Promoting and implementing the outcome of the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders, the decisions of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, and the relevant decisions of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly";

(ii) Subparagraph 12.3 (a): Replace the words "and corruption" with the words "trafficking in persons, economic and financial crime, including money-laundering, corruption and illicit trafficking in firearms";

(iii) Subparagraph 12.3 (b): At the end of the subparagraph, add the words "prison reforms, independence of judiciary and prosecution authorities, the juvenile justice system and restorative justice approaches, in particular to assist Governments in protecting vulnerable adolescent groups from being recruited by organized criminals";

(iv) After subparagraph 12.3 (c), add a new subparagraph, reading: "The programme will assist Governments in their national and multilateral efforts to respond to changing crime trends, as well as to create the necessary instruments and institutions for a more accountable, transparent and effective crime prevention and control system. The programme will also endeavour to disseminate expertise in the effective and humane handling of offences, offenders and victims";

(v) Subparagraph 12.3 (d): At the end of the subparagraph, add the words "by addressing its criminal aspects";

(vi) Add a new subparagraph after subparagraph 12.3 (e), reading: "Continue to develop, in consultation with Member States, an effective global programme for technical cooperation to assist in fighting corruption";

(vii) Add a new subparagraph (f), reading: "Supporting Governments to address the root causes of crimes";

(viii) Add a new subparagraph (g), reading: "Emphasizing and enhancing the prevention and rehabilitation programme";

(ix) Add a new subparagraph (h), reading: "Urging increased donor cooperation";

(e) ***Paragraph 12.4***

In the first sentence, replace the words "international efforts" with the words "national efforts";

(f) ***Paragraph 12.5***

(i) Replace the second sentence with the following: "In addition, it will assist in the development of a new international legal instrument to combat corruption";

(ii) Add to the end of the last sentence the words "in synergy with the United Nations Crime Prevention and Justice Programme Network Institutes";

(g) ***Paragraph 12.6***

Replace the last sentence with the following: "Country-specific needs assessments would be undertaken";

(h) ***Paragraph 12.7***

Replace subparagraphs 12.7 (a) to (d) with the following:

> **"(a) The adoption and entry into force, with the assistance of the Centre at the request of Governments, of the United Nations convention against transnational organized crime and the protocols thereto;**
>
> **"(b) The expansion of global knowledge of and expertise to deal with crime problems such as those posed by transnational organized crime, trafficking in persons, economic and financial crime, including money-laundering, corruption, illicit manufacturing**

and trafficking in firearms, and terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, as well as to promote fair and efficient criminal justice systems;

"(c) The enhanced capacity of Member States to respond at the national, regional and international levels to crime problems such as those posed by transnational organized crime, trafficking in persons, economic and financial crime, including money-laundering, corruption, illicit manufacturing and trafficking in firearms, and terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, as well as to promote fair and efficient criminal justice systems";

(i) ***Paragraph 12.8***

(i) Replace subparagraphs 12.8 (a) to (e) with the following:

"(a) The number of Member States requesting and receiving assistance in signing or ratifying the United Nations convention against transnational organized crime and the protocols thereto;

"(b) Best practices and information disseminated; research undertaken and new techniques developed and shared among Member States to respond to crime problems, as well as to promote fair and efficient criminal justice systems;

"(c) The number of countries requesting and receiving technical assistance, as well as the development of plans to enhance the capacity of Member States to respond at the national, regional and international levels in order to respond to crime problems, as well as to promote fair and efficient criminal justice systems;

"(d) The quality and accessibility of databases maintained by the Centre;

"(e) Improved technical assistance in addressing crime problems; increase in the number of trained criminal justice personnel";

(j) ***Legislative mandates***

(i) Add the following General Assembly resolutions:

54/125 Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

54/127 Activities of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of a Convention against Transnational Organized Crime: illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition, as well as consideration of the need to develop an instrument on the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in explosives

54/129 High-level Political Signing Conference for the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime

54/130 African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

(ii) Add the following Economic and Social Council resolutions:

1999/23 Work of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme

1999/24 Action to promote cooperation and the functioning of the clearing house on international projects in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice

1999/25 Effective crime prevention

1999/26 Development and implementation of mediation and restorative justice measures in criminal justice

1999/27 Penal reform

1999/28 Administration of juvenile justice